Appl. No. 10/669,590 Amdt. dated October 7, 2003 Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the claims, multiple dependent claim 21 has been cancelled.

On October 2, 2003 our Deposit Account No. 16-0820 was charged \$10,466.00 for additional claims (fee code 1202). By cancelling multiple dependent claim 21 this application now has only 59 claims. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this charge to our deposit account be refunded.

Accompanying the application upon filing on September 23, 2003, the Fee Transmittal sheet indicates a total of 80 claims and \$1080 was paid for 60 additional claims. By cancelling multiple dependent claim 21 this application now has only 59 claims. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that \$378 (21 x \$18.00) be credited to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820.

Also, upon filing on September 23, 2003, the Fee Transmittal sheet indicates that \$280 for a multiple dependent claim was paid. By cancelling multiple dependent claim 21 this application now has no multiple dependent claims. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that \$280 be credited to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820.

If there are any questions concerning this Communication, please contact the below named attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted, PEARNE & GORDON LLP

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